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## CLARK, BROOME AND ABRAMS

The Candidates Spoke Here Last Tuesday Night.

MANY VOTERS HEARD THEM.

Spoke From Band Stand and Made Some Good Impressions.

By what the candidates claimed to be a mere happen so, Hon. Frank Clark, candidate for Congress from the Second Congressional District of Florida; James E. Broome, candidate for Secretary of State, and Alfred St. Clair Abrams, candidate for Attorney General, found themselves together here in Gainesville Tuesday, and they and some of their friends thought it a splendid opportunity to fire one political gun of the campaign in the county. This conclusion arrived at the speaking was advertised to be at the bandstand at 8 o'clock p. m. When the hour arrived the candidates and about a hundred hearers were on hand, but as soon as the speakers entered the stand the crowd began to augment, and soon there were several hundred persons within the range of the speakers' voices.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. J. M. Rivers, member of the Legislature from this county, and in that eloquent and pleasing manner for which he is noted, he introduced the candidates, paying each a nice compliment as he did so.

Hon. Frank Clark was first introduced, Mr. Clark, as all who ever heard him know, is an eloquent and pleasing speaker. After a few introductory remarks complimentary to Gainesville and Alachua county in general, and the ladies in particular, he got down to business. He said he could not arrogate to himself the right or power to construct a platform for the Democratic party, nor would he do so, as that is the province of the people in convention assembled, and he would stand on whatever platform the people construct.

He declared his loyalty to the Kansas City and Jacksonville platforms, and said he would not in this campaign descend to the low level of personal abuse. He expects to discuss the public records of his opponents, and to have his own discussed by them. He said it would not hurt him much if he should be defeated, but his dear good little wife had her heart set on going to Washington, and he hoped the people would not disappoint her.

HON. JAS. E. BROOME SPEAKS.

The statesman from Gadsden, Hon. James E. Broome, of Quincy, was next introduced. He said it was quite embarrassing to him to speak in commendatory terms of himself, but knowing that the people desired, and had a right to a knowledge of every candidate's record, he would refer to himself briefly. He reminded his hearers that he was just exactly as old as Florida was as a State, being born in Florida on the same day that she was admitted into the Union as a State—March 3, 1845. At the age of sixteen he resigned his scholarship at college and entered the Confederate service where he served under that matchless leader General Robert R. Lee (when Lee's name was mentioned the audience applauded enthusiastically) and continuing Mr. Broome grew earnest and eloquent as he said: "During the memorial struggle of '76, when vice and corruption ruled in high places, when thieves and robbers levied taxes on honest industries, when the carpet-bag government was endeavoring to rob our beloved Florida of every vestige of State rights and local self-government, I was one of those Democrats who canvassed the State and assisted in dethroning that nefarious government."

He referred to the fact that almost all of those with whom he then labored had since been rewarded with high and honorable positions by the people, and he thought it nothing more than right that he now be given the office of Secretary of State.

Mr. Broome referred to his record as State senator for twelve consecutive years and said for any of his acts while serving in the senate he had no regrets to express, and no apologies to offer. The address was an eloquent one and made a good impression.

HON. ALFRED ABRAMS SPEAKS.

The next and last speaker was Hon. Alfred St. Clair Abrams, candidate for Attorney-General. Mr. Abrams paid his opponents high compliments. Of Hon. W. H. Ellis he said in substance: "Mr. Ellis has an important State office. He is making the State an excellent traveling auditor. He is recognized as one of the best expert accountants in the State, and it will be to the interest of the voters and tax payers to keep him in the position, and to vote for Abrams for Attorney-General will be equivalent to voting for Ellis for State auditor."

Mr. Abrams called attention to the fact that Mr. Ellis had the advantage of him in the campaign, because the State was paying Ellis' campaign expenses. He did not wish to be understood as intimating that Mr. Ellis was spending the State's money wrongfully, but his present official position is such that he can kill two birds with one stone—work for the State, and electioneer for Ellis at the same time.

Mr. Abrams referred to his record in the last Legislature, and called especial attention to bills he introduced and supported. He said as the chairman himself knew, he worked for the appropriation bill, and strove hard to secure for East Florida Seminary aid, and even more than our people asked for.

CANDIDATES AND HEARERS.

Each of the candidates made a favorable impression, but as to whether there was much changing of opinions and making of votes we are not quite sure. The hearers did not consider the speaking as interesting as if one of each of the speakers, opponents had been present. Especially was this the case with reference to the Congressional candidates, as many of the hearers expressed wishes that Hon. J. M. Barrs could have been present to present his claims.

## THE CIRCUIT COURT.

One Murder Case Disposed Of—Motion In Waters Case.

TUESDAY'S SESSION.

Court convened Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. His Honor Judge Wills presiding.

After receiving a special venire of five jurors—A. J. DaCosta, W. J. McCormick, J. B. Douglas, C. A. W. Thomas and J. S. Broome—to complete the panel, the case of the State vs. Stephen Timmons, murder, having come on to be heard, the defendant was arraigned and plead not guilty. A jury as follows was sworn: L. L. Hill, C. H. Crisman, Jas. Celson, F. M. Celson, J. L. Crawford, H. F. Watts, J. F. Bunch, A. J. DaCosta, W. J. McCormick, A. C. Edwards, John Osteen and J. T. Woods.

The court appointed Attorney Christopher Matheson to represent the defendant, and the case was proceeded with, but had not been finished when court adjourned until Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

Court convened this morning at 8:30 o'clock, and the case of Stephen Timmons, which was under consideration the day before was resumed, and the entire day consumed without finishing it.

A number of true bills were reported by the grand jury during the day.

Out of respect to the memory of Attorney J. A. Ammons, the honored member of the Gainesville Bar Association who died so suddenly Monday, the court adjourned during the funeral and interment, and thus prevented other business being transacted during the day.

THURSDAY'S SESSION.

Court convened at 8:30 a. m., and the Stephen Timmons murder trial was resumed and consumed the time of the court (including argument of counsel) until 12:30, at which time the case was taken to the jury. At about 3 p. m. the jury returned and rendered the following verdict: "We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of murder in the second degree. So say we all. L. L. Hill, foreman."

The Timmons case was two and one-half days being concluded. Many witnesses were examined, and Col. Matheson, who had been appointed by the court to defend the prisoner, made one of the ablest efforts of his life, not only in his conduct of the case from a legal point of view, but his address to the jury was both powerful and beautiful. State Attorney Calhoun was also equal to the occasion in every respect. His speech to the jury was an able one.

MOTION TO QUASH.

After the Timmons case was disposed of, Attorneys R. E. Davis, S. L. Carter and J. A. Carlisle, asked to be heard on a question to quash the indictment charging Augustus Waters with selling liquor in a dry county. Attorney Davis read the motion, alleging grounds on which he said indictment should be quashed. After naming the Acts of the Legislature which he declared were unconstitutional, one could but arrive at the conclusion that if Mr. Davis was right, Florida really has no laws that are not unconstitutional.

Death Due to Accident.

In the post mortem examination of the remains of Hon. Jno A. Ammons, an account of whose sudden death appeared in Tuesday's Star, the decision rendered by the examining committee, composed of Drs. J. F. McKinstry, Jr., E. Lartigue, T. F. Thomas and N. D. Phillips, was to the effect that the deceased came to his death from concussion of the brain, caused by the fall.

The committee of physicians who held the post mortem are of the opinion that the deceased was suddenly effected by a fainting spell, to which it is said he was sometimes subject, and that when he fell striking the back of his head on the pavement, the concussion resulted.

For Sheriff.

To the Voters of Alachua County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff, subject to the action of the next Democratic primary. If elected, I promise to discharge the duties of the office to the very best of my ability, and I solicit the support of all voters at the polls.

Respectfully,

W. C. HAGUE.

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping purposes, 15 cts. a hundred or 25 for 5 cts., at THE STAR office.

## GAINESVILLE HAS BIG FIRE.

Crawford & Davis Livery and Sale Stables Consumed.

HORSES AND MULES BURNED.

Three Business Blocks Narrowly Escaped Destruction—Fire Work by Firemen.

At 2 o'clock yesterday morning an alarm of fire was turned in from Box 42, on the public square, and the immense livery and sale stables of Crawford & Davis were found to be on fire. The fire, which is thought to be of incendiary origin, started in some hay over the stock stalls, and spread with such fearful rapidity that all hope of saving the building was abandoned before the firemen reached the scene, and when the first persons who arrived on the scene tried to save the horses and mules, they found it impossible to do so, and in an incredible short time the animals were burned to death. Twenty horses and eleven mules were cremated. Of these, twenty-five belonged to Crawford & Davis, and the others—one mule and five fine buggy horses, which were being boarded there, were owned as follows: Dr. J. Harrison Hodges, Col. B. A. Thrasher, Miss Eva Haile, and Hon. W. G. Robinson, all of this city, a horse each; Deputy Sheriff McAnn of LaCrosse, a horse, and G. S. Merchant of this place a mule. The estimated value of the thirty-one horses and mules was from \$125 to \$200 each.

Five buggies, five wagons, and several hundred dollars worth of new harness were also consumed, besides a large quantity of hay and grain.

The stable building was of brick, and one of the largest in the State. A large addition to it had only recently been completed, and it is said that the building alone can not be replaced for \$10,000. Crawford & Davis' loss alone is estimated at \$15,000, and they carried only \$3,500 insurance. The second story of the building was occupied by a colored tailor and dyer, and all he had was lost. Col. E. F. Sanchez's law office was the nearest building to the stable, but it was saved. The row of one-story brick buildings on the opposite side of the block, and occupied by the postoffice, Voyle's Abstract and Realty Co., P. A. Smith, market; Will Archie, mattress maker; a restaurant, Justice G. M. Colman, office and shoe shop; Jernigan, jeweler shop, and the Continental restaurant, were in imminent danger and all of the buildings except the postoffice building, were more or less damaged. At first the water pressure was very poor, and notwithstanding the firemen worked heroically, the entire business portion of the city was in imminent danger, but as the pressure increased, so also did hope increase in the breasts of the anxious people.

Mr. Davis of the firm of Crawford & Davis, was in Kentucky buying more stock at the time of the conflagration, but is expected to return today.

The people of Gainesville deeply sympathize with all of the sufferers, and especially so with Messrs. Crawford & Davis.

Visited Seminary.

By invitation of Superintendent Guillian and Hon. J. D. Watkins, the last named chairman of East Florida Seminary, Hon. Frank Clark and Alfred St. Clair Abrams, visited the institution, and addressed faculty and students Wednesday morning.

Both gentlemen made interesting talks, and both pay high tribute to the Seminary and its management. They drove over the city some with Chairman Watkins and Mayor Thomas, and visited the proposed site for the new Seminary buildings, and expressed themselves as being pleased with all they saw.

Policeman Cromwell Hurt.

A few nights ago while Policeman Cromwell was trying to arrest a cow near the public square—one that had escaped several times before—he threw a lasso and caught the cow around the neck instead of by the horns as he desired to do, and the cow not only resisted arrest, but became frightened and determined to take what is known among arresting officers as "leg bail," i. e., she desired to "escape," and right well did she succeed with her plans, carrying the policeman's lasso with her, and leaving the faithful officer bleeding profusely from a deep cut on both lips, which he sustained when the cow threw him with great force against a picket fence.

Dr. Hodges took several stitches on the cut, and it is hoped by the policeman's friends that he will soon be able to perform his official duties.

House for Rent—Furnished or unfurnished at 1303 W. Court St. Apply Star office.

Dr. G. W. Tanner of Alachua, was among the business visitors to the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Endel have returned from a trip to New York and other points east.

If you want money to buy or build a home, pay off mortgage, or contract for profitable investment see Moyers.

Attorney J. A. Williams of Cedar Key, was a visiting lawyer at the Gainesville bar this week.

Call and see us in our new quarters, Johnson Brothers, druggists, No. 100, corner West Main and West Liberty Sts.

Hon. P. G. Ramsey, county commissioner from Wacahoota, was in the city yesterday.

Capt. N. A. Callison, proprietor of the Spring Park Farm at Bennington, was in the city on business Tuesday.

Judge E. A. Pinnell and Attorney J. R. Willis of Bronson, was among the visiting attorneys at court here this week.

Many people from the country have been in the city this week; some to attend court, and others on other business.

Fresh meats, groceries and vegetables Call, send me your orders or phone for what you want. J. G. Harrold, Phone No. 25.

## THE LAST SAD RITES.

Funeral of Col. John Argrove Ammons Wednesday.

The funeral services over the remains of the late lamented Col. Jno. Argrove Ammons were held in Holy Trinity Episcopal church Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

The church was crowded, and many who wished to attend the funeral could not get in the church.

The services were conducted by Rev. John Gray, the rector, assisted by Rev. F. Fison, a former rector. The service was a very impressive one, and all who were present seemed to be deeply impressed. Hymns which Mr. Ammons had often engaged in singing with the choir, of which he was a member at the time of his death, were rendered in a beautiful and impressive manner.

Timely remarks by the ministers and appropriate prayers were made. The floral offerings were abundant and beautiful.

After the services in the church a very large concourse of relatives, neighbors and friends followed the remains to Evergreen cemetery, where they were laid to sleep until the resurrection morn.

The members of the Gainesville Bar Association, of which he was an honored member, Judge Wills, and visiting attorneys attended in a body, as did also the members of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 27, K. of P. of which the deceased was also a member. With a host of other friends of the grief-stricken family The Star joins in sincere sympathy. May the Great Physician bind up the broken hearts of the devoted wife and children.

## Fickle-Westgaard.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Westgaard, this city, at noon Wednesday was solemnized a marriage ceremony that united for life the fortunes of Miss Annie Westgaard, a popular young lady of this city, and Mr. Robert B. Fickle, a worthy citizen of Miami.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jno. Gray, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal church, and after the ceremony and the congratulations of friends an elaborate lunch was served, and the happy bride and groom departed for their future home in Miami.

The Star, and other friends in this city and county, will have their best wishes follow the happy pair to beautiful Miami.

## Prof. Frank H. Ellis.

The many friends in this city and county of Prof. Frank H. Ellis will be pleased to know that he is very pleasantly situated in Tampa, where he is engaged in his chosen profession, that of teaching.

In a letter to the editor of The Star, dated October 12, Prof. Ellis says: "The Star is a very welcome visitor to my desk every Tuesday and Friday. Please find enclosed check to pay for my subscription. My work is extremely pleasant here. Have a new \$20,000 brick building, a fine set of assistants, and fine good set of pupils."

## Try Fagan's for best meats.

Dr. T. F. Thomas has returned from a business trip in South Florida.

Have your clothing cleaned at Owen Lloyd's Dye Works. July 14, if

Hon. P. M. Colson has returned from a business trip in West Florida.

O. G. Husband of Putnam county was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Warner are recuperating in Tampa for a while.

J. V. Bradley of Alachua has been attending court in the city this week.

Hon. T. J. McRae of Hawthorne, was a business visitor to the city Tuesday.

Hon. A. V. Long of Starke, was a business visitor to the city Wednesday.

Revs. Hodge and Sheffield of Newberry, were visitors to THE STAR office Wednesday.

Mesdames J. F. McKinstry, Jr., and J. H. Alderman, are spending a while in Atlanta.

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Gen. C. A. Gilchrist, that ardent good roads advocate, was in the city on business Wednesday.

Justice J. T. Stokes and ex-Justice L. J. Knight of LaCrosse, have attended court several days this week as witnesses.

He that intends to write what is worthy to be read more than once, should use a Waterman Ideal Fountain Pen. L. C. Smith.

J. B. Gerald, the New Home Sewing Machine man, who travels all over Florida, spent Sunday with his family in this city.

Hon. W. A. Strickland of Paradise, was in the city Wednesday. He came to act as one of the pall-bearers at the funeral of Attorney J. A. Ammons.

Giddings' Hair Grower does the work. For sale by Dr. S. B. Giddings, Gainesville, and the Postoffice Drug Store, High Springs, Fla.

L. C. Smith, the jeweler, has added a large stock of fine shoes. His business is prospering. It is now all kinds of jewelry, crockery and glass ware, shoes, etc.

Two car loads of the best, largest and finest horses and mules ever brought to Gainesville, just received at Thomas' Stables, and now on sale.

A. W. Lovering, representing the Florida Times Union, was in the city Wednesday in the interest of that paper, and while here he paid The Star office a pop call.

One car load of horses, and one car load of mules—finest and best Kentucky stock—just received and on sale at Thomas' livery and sale Stables.

S. W. Long, one of the head men at one of the phosphate mines near Dutton, and an old friend of THE STAR editor, has been in the city this week on business.

FOR SALE. A beautiful soda fount, in perfect order, and very cheap. Any one wishing a bargain should come to The Star office and see this fount.

Deputy Sheriff McCann of LaCrosse, Deputy Sheriff Curl and John Vinton of Archer, and F. M. Ramsey of Wacahoota, were among the business visitors to the city this week.

Rain or shine, you need a good umbrella. We have them in all styles, in all sizes, and at all prices. See our line before purchasing elsewhere. L. C. Smith.

Hon. J. A. Rosborough, ex-State Senator from Alachua, was in the city yesterday from his home at Windsor, and while here he paid THE STAR editor a pleasant and profitable call.

If your hair is becoming thin try Giddings' Unparalleled Hair Grower. For sale by Dr. S. B. Giddings, Gainesville, and the Postoffice Drug Store, High Springs, Fla.

Hons. Frank Clark, James E. Broome and Alfred St. Clair Abrams, three clever candidates, said some very nice things about Gainesville while here Tuesday and Wednesday. Thanks, gentlemen.

Bring us your cotton, and price our goods. If you can do better elsewhere than with us, no harm done, but give us a trial. G. W. Easterlin & Co., High Springs, Fla.

News comes from Dr. J. D. L. Tench, who has been under the care of a specialist in Atlanta for several weeks—that he has improved sufficiently that he will soon return home. This will be pleasant news for Dr. Tench's many friends in this city and county.

If you have a house, or room, or set of rooms to rent, advertise same in The Star. If you are too busy to come to the office just phone us the wording of your ad. Our phone is No. 86.

J. F. Ward, of Fairbanks, who has been quite ill with typhoid malarial fever, is up again. He was under the skillful treatment of Dr. W. H. Sibley, of this city, who is highly pleased with the rapid manner in which his patient is becoming well and strong again.

Turpentine, saw mill and phosphate men who need large, heavy mules, and fine horses for riding or driving should call now at Thomas' stables. Two car loads just received and on sale.

Hon. Perry M. Colson of Gainesville, and D. W. McArthur of Montbrook, members of the Wade & McNair Land Co., were going over the company's lands in this county last week. They were registered at the Turner House Thursday night.—Levy Times-Democrat

Dainty cut glass and bric-a-brac do wonders in making a room look attractive. We can show you a full line of glass from which any taste and any pocket can be satisfied. L. C. Smith.

R. Fletcher Cromwell, who has been one of The Star force for the past five months, left Wednesday for Florence, S. C., where he will reside in the future Fletcher carries with him the best wishes of the editor of the Star and other friends. Before leaving here he was granted a letter of dismissal from the Baptist church in this city to unite with a Baptist church in Florence. A church letter is a splendid recommendation for a young man to take with him into a new home.

Johnson Brothers, druggists and pharmacists, request their friends, and the public in general to call on them in their new quarters at No. 100, corner of West Main and West Liberty streets. Not only have we new quarters, but our stock of drugs, toilet articles, etc., is also new and complete. Old patrons are invited to come to our new quarters, and new customers are solicited.

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THOSE WHO seemed to think when we started more than four months ago that THE STAR appeared in the journalistic sky only for the purpose of shining on a short temperance campaign were mistaken.

THE STAR is the PEOPLE'S paper, and will advocate such candidates for office as the editor conscientiously believes are the people's best friends when principle, experience and ability are all considered, and, while friendly suggestions are always welcomed, the policy of THE STAR will be controlled only by its editor and proprietor.

## You Need It--

## You Need THE STAR.

IF YOU favor our ideas—political and otherwise—you will enjoy reading THE STAR during the coming campaign which is to be the greatest ever conducted in Florida, and if you differ with the editor, on political or other matters, you should read the paper so that you can know where to hit him and how to head him off.

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